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The Honorable Robert Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative
600 17th St NW
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Washington, DC 20508

Re: San Antonio hosting the signing of the USMCA

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

Congratulations on concluding a renewed NAFTA agreement renamed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). For over two decades, NAFTA has further integrated our nations' economies and cultures. We appreciate your efforts to ensure that the existing agreement remains in full force and effect until the new version is considered by Congress.

Since NAFTA was originally signed in San Antonio in 1993, we have recommended to you previously that our country symbolically demonstrate the importance of our long term relationship with our neighbors by signing this new agreement at the same location. San Antonio is an international city celebrating its Tricentennial this year. We have already transmitted to you the communications (attached again here) from San Antonio Mayor, Ron Nirenberg, and Bexar County Judge, Nelson Wolff, inviting and welcoming your participation.

San Antonio would be honored to host a signing of the new pact. It is our hope that you will consider affirming USMCA in the same place where the trade relationship was officially brought into existence. While the text of the USMCA is still subject to additional modification and the critical implementing language is not yet available for our final evaluation of the new agreement, we remain hopeful that it can be promptly considered on a bipartisan basis next year.

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October 9, 2018

Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

Re: United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Signing

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

During my term as Mayor of San Antonio, I had the honor of hosting the initialing of the NAFTA Agreement between Mexico, Canada and the United States by President George Bush, President Carlos Salinas and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on October 7, 1992. Subsequent to the signing, San Antonio was selected as the home of the North American Development Bank. NAFTA has brought international recognition to our city and several international companies have located here.

Considering our historic ties to free trade between the United States, Mexico and Canada, I join Mayor Ron Nirenberg in extending an invitation to host President Trump, President Pena Nieto and Prime Minister Trudeau for the signing of the updated agreement.

I know that the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) will continue to help our city, state and nation prosper. We look forward to the opportunity to host you and distinguished guests for its ceremonial signing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Nelson W. Wolff".

Nelson W. Wolff



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

RON NIRENBERG
MAYOR

October 5, 2018

Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer
United States Trade Representative
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20508

Re: United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Signing

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

We commend the Administration's relentless effort to strengthen the trilateral free trade agreement with Mexico and Canada. The City of San Antonio is an international city with strong, long-standing cultural, historical, and commercial ties with Mexico and increasingly with Canada. San Antonio played a significant role in the development and advocacy for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

In fact, as one of the only large U.S. cities to support the passage of NAFTA, San Antonio was then selected as the host city for the 1992 ceremonial signing. Considering our historic ties to free trade between the United States, Mexico and Canada, we cordially extend an invitation to host President Trump, President Peña Nieto and Prime Minister Trudeau for the signing of the updated agreement.

We know that the new United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) will continue to help San Antonio and Texas prosper. We look forward to operating under the new USMCA, and look forward to the opportunity to host you and distinguished guests for its ceremonial signing.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Ron Nirenberg, consisting of a stylized 'R' and 'N' followed by a horizontal line.

Ron Nirenberg
MAYOR

The Honorable John Cornyn, United States Senator
The Honorable Ted Cruz, United States Senator
The Honorable Henry Cuellar, United States Representative
The Honorable Lloyd Doggett, United States Representative
The Honorable Will Hurd, United States Representative
The Honorable Joaquín Castro, United States Representative
The Honorable Lamar Smith, United States Representative
The Honorable Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas
The Honorable Rolando Pablos, Texas Secretary of State